

VIII. FOR RELIGIOUS PROFESSION

The Masses on the day of first profession, on the day of perpetual profession, and on the day of the renewal of vows may be used, with the color white or a festive color, on days when Ritual Masses are permitted.

All the prayers given for a man may be adapted for a woman, with the necessary change of gender; in addition those expressed in the plural form, may be used for individuals, with a necessary change to the singular.

1. FOR FIRST RELIGIOUS PROFESSION

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 39:8-9

Behold, I come, O Lord, that I may do your will.

O my God, I have vowed it,

and your law lies deep within me (E.T. alleluia).

The Glória in excélsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

O Lord, who have inspired
these our brothers (sisters) with the resolve
to follow Christ more closely,
grant them, we pray,
a blessed end to the journey they now begin,
so that they may be found worthy to offer you
a perfect gift of loving service.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, O Lord, we pray,
the oblations and prayers we offer you
as we celebrate the beginnings of religious profession,
and grant that
the first fruits of your servants
may be transformed by your grace
into a plentiful harvest.
Through Christ our Lord.

Proper Preface (pp. 000-000).

Communion Antiphon

Mk 3:35

Whoever does the will of God
is my brother and sister and mother, says the Lord (E.T. alleluia).

Prayer after Communion

May the mysteries we have received
fill us with joy, O Lord,
and grant that, by their power,
these your servants may faithfully fulfill
the duties of the religious life they have begun
and may offer you willing service.
Through Christ our Lord.

2. FOR PERPETUAL PROFESSION

A

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 121:1-2

I rejoiced when they said to me,

Let us go to the house of the LORD.

Now our feet are standing

within your gates, O Jerusalem (E.T. alleluia).

The Glória in excélsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

O God, who willed that the grace of Baptism

should flourish in these your servants,

so that they might strive to follow more closely

in the footsteps of your Son;

grant, we pray,

that constantly seeking evangelical perfection,

they may add to the holiness of your Church

and increase her apostolic zeal.

Through our Lord.

The Creed is said in accordance with the rubrics; the Universal Prayer is omitted.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive the gifts and intentions of your servants, O Lord,

and confirm in your love

those who profess the evangelical counsels.

Through Christ our Lord.

Preface: Religious life as service of God through the imitation of Christ.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,

always and everywhere to give you thanks,

Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,

through Christ our Lord.

He is the unblemished flower,
who sprang from the root of the Virgin
and declared the pure of heart blessed,
teaching by his way of life the surpassing worth of chastity.

He chose always to hold fast to what is pleasing to you
and becoming obedient for our sake even until death,
he willingly offered himself to you
as a perfect and a fragrant sacrifice.

He consecrated to a fuller service of your majesty
those who for love of you leave all earthly things
and promised they would find treasure in heaven.

And so, with the company of Angels and Saints,
as we sing the hymn of your praise,
without end we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts...

In the Eucharistic Prayers, the oblation of the professed is appropriately commemorated according to the following formulas:

For Men:

a) In Eucharistic Prayer I, the proper form of *Hanc igitur* (Therefore, Lord, we pray) is said.

Therefore, Lord, we pray:
graciously accept this oblation of our service,
and of these your servants,
which we make to you on their profession day;
sanctify this offering in your mercy,
so that those who by your gift
have dedicated their lives to you today
may, at the glorious coming of your Son,
be admitted to the joy of the eternal Pasch.
(Through Christ our Lord. Amen.)

b) In the intercessions of Eucharistic Prayer II, after the words and all the clergy, the following is added:

Be mindful also, Lord, of these brothers,
who have dedicated themselves today
to your perpetual service,
and grant that they may always raise
their hearts and minds to you
and glorify your Name.

Remember also our brothers and sisters . . .

c) In the intercessions of Eucharistic Prayer III, after the words the entire people you have gained for your own, the following is added:

Strengthen in their holy resolve, O Lord,
these your servants,
who today have bound themselves to you perpetually
in the sacred bonds of religious profession,
and grant that they may show forth in your Church
the new and eternal life
purchased for us by Christ's redemption.
Listen graciously to the prayers of this family . . .

d) If the proper Preface is not used, Eucharistic Prayer IV may be said; in its intercession, after the words to the praise of your glory, a commemoration of the professed may be inserted in this way:

Therefore, Lord, remember now
all for whom we offer you this sacrifice:
especially your servant, N. our Pope
and N. our Bishop,
the whole Order of Bishops,
and all the clergy.
Be mindful also of these brothers,
who consecrate themselves to you more closely today
by perpetual profession,
those who take part in this offering,
those gathered here before you,
your entire people,
and all who seek you with a sincere heart.
Remember also
those who have died in the peace of your Christ . . .

For Women:

a) In Eucharistic Prayer I, the proper form of *Hanc igitur* (Therefore, Lord, we pray) is said.

Therefore, Lord, we pray:
graciously accept this oblation of our service,
and of these your servants,
which we make to you on their profession day;
sanctify this offering in your mercy,
so that they who by your gift
have today united themselves more closely to your Son
may hasten gladly to meet him
when he comes in glory at the end of time.
(Through Christ our Lord. Amen.)

b) In the intercessions of Eucharistic Prayer II, after the words and all the clergy, the following is added:

Be mindful also, Lord, of these sisters,
who have left all things for your sake
in order to find you in all things
and, forgetful of themselves, to look to the needs of all.
Remember also our brothers and sisters . . .

c) In the intercessions of Eucharistic Prayer III, after the words the entire people you have gained for your own, the following is added:

Strengthen in their holy resolve, O Lord,
these your servants,
who seek to follow your Christ in faithful devotion,
giving a witness of evangelical life
and of sisterly love.
Listen graciously to the prayers of this family . . .

d) If the proper Preface is not used, Eucharistic Prayer IV may be said; in its intercession, after the words to the praise of your glory, a commemoration of the professed may be inserted in this way:

Therefore, Lord, remember now
all for whom we offer you this sacrifice:
especially your servant, N. our Pope
and N. our Bishop,
with the whole Order of Bishops,
and all the clergy.
Be mindful also of these sisters,
who today consecrate themselves to you perpetually
by a sacred pledge,
those who take part in this offering,
those gathered here before you,
your entire people,
and all who seek you with a sincere heart.
Remember also
those who have died in the peace of your Christ . . .

Communion Antiphon

I am nailed to the cross with Christ
yet I live, no longer I,
but Christ lives in me (E.T. alleluia).

Gal 2:19-20

Prayer after Communion

Having received with reverence the divine mysteries,
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,
to inflame with the fire of the Holy Spirit these your servants,
bound to you now by an act of sacred offering,
and to admit them for ever to the company of your Son.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Solemn Blessing at the End of Mass

The Priest, with hands extended over the professed, says:

May God, the inspirer of every good resolve,
foster your purposes and strengthen your hearts,
that what you have promised
you may keep with persevering faith.

R/. Amen.

May he grant you to walk in the joy of Christ
the narrow way you have chosen,
rejoicing to bear the burdens of your brothers (sisters).

R/. Amen.

May the charity of God make of you a family
brought together in the Lord's Name,
to show forth the image of the love of Christ.

R/. Amen.

And he blesses all the people, adding:

And may almighty God bless all of you who are gathered for these sacred rites:
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

R/. Amen.

B

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 65:13-14

My offering I bring to your house, O Lord;
to you I will pay my vows,
the vows which my lips have promised (E.T. alleluia).

The Glória in excélsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

O Lord, holy Father, graciously confirm
the resolve of your servants N. and N.
and grant that the grace of Baptism,
which they desire to be strengthened by new bonds,
may produce in them its full effect,
so that they may render due worship to your majesty
and spread with apostolic zeal the Kingdom of Christ.
Who lives and reigns with you.

The Creed is said in accordance with the rubrics; the Universal Prayer is omitted.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive in your kindness, O Lord,
the offerings of your servants
and transform them into the Sacrament of redemption,
filling with the gifts of the Holy Spirit
those whom with a father's care
you have called to imitate more closely your Son.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Preface and proper intercessions (pp. 000-000).

Communion Antiphon

Ps 33:9

Taste and see that the LORD is good;
blessed the man who seeks refuge in him (E.T. alleluia).

Prayer after Communion

May we be filled with joy, O Lord,
by today's celebration of a solemn pledge
and the reverent reception of this divine Sacrament;
grant, we pray, in your mercy,
that this twofold act of devotion
may stir with burning charity
the hearts of your servants
to serve the Church and the human family.
Through Christ our Lord.

Solemn Blessing at the End of Mass

The Priest, with hands extended over the professed, says:

May God, who inspires
and brings to completion every holy design,
guard you always with his grace,
that you may faithfully discharge
the duties of your calling.

R/. Amen.

May God make you partakers of divine charity
and its witness and sign before all nations.

R/. Amen.

May God graciously make lasting in heaven
the bonds by which he has united you to Christ on earth.

R/. Amen.

And he blesses all the people, adding:

And may almighty God bless all of you who are present at these sacred rites:
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,

R/. Amen.

Masses for the Anniversaries of Religious Profession are found among the Masses
for Various Needs (pp. 000-000).

3. FOR THE RENEWAL OF VOWS

The Entrance and Communion Antiphons may be taken, if appropriate, from one of the preceding Masses (pp. 000-000).

Collect

O God, who direct the course of all things
and rule over the whole human race,
look upon these your sons (daughters),
who wish to confirm their offering of themselves to you,
and grant, we pray, that day by day,
they may be bound more closely
to the mystery of the Church
and devote themselves ever more
to the good of the human family.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Look with gracious favor, O Lord,
on the offerings of your people,
to which these, our brothers (sisters),
add their renewed oblation
of chastity, poverty and obedience;
transform, we pray, these earthly gifts
into the Sacrament of eternal life,
and conform those who make this offering
in mind and heart
to the likeness of your Son.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Proper Preface (pp. 000-000).

Prayer after Communion

Having received, O Lord, this heavenly Sacrament,
we humbly ask that these your servants,
who with such trust in your grace from on high
have renewed their resolve of determined service,
may be strengthened by the power of Christ
and fortified by the protection of the Holy Spirit.
Through Christ our Lord.

IX. FOR THE INSTITUTION OF LECTORS AND ACOLYTES

If the Rite of Institution is celebrated during Mass, the Mass for the Ministers of the Church (p. 000) may be used, with the color white or a festive color.

When, however, the days listed in nos. 1-9 of the Table of Liturgical Days occur, the Mass of the day is said.

X. FOR THE DEDICATION OF A CHURCH AND AN ALTAR

1. FOR THE DEDICATION OF A CHURCH

When a church is dedicated, the proper Ritual Mass is always used, with the color white or a festive color. The dedication of a church, however, is not to take place during the Paschal Triduum, on the Nativity of the Lord, on the Epiphany, on the Ascension, on Pentecost Sunday, on Ash Wednesday, on the weekdays of Holy Week, or on the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day).

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 67:6, 7, 36

God is in his holy place,

God who unites those who dwell in his house;

he himself gives might and strength to his people (E.T. alleluia).

Or, with Psalm 121:

Cf. Ps 121:1

Let us go to the house of the LORD rejoicing (E.T. alleluia).

The Glória in excélsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

Almighty everlasting God,

pour out your grace upon this place

and extend the gift of your help

to all who call upon you,

that the power of your word and of the Sacraments

may strengthen here the hearts of all the faithful.

Through our Lord.

The Creed is said; the Universal Prayer is omitted.

Prayer over the Offerings

May the gifts of your joyful Church

be acceptable to you, O Lord,

so that your people, gathering in this holy house,

may, through these mysteries,

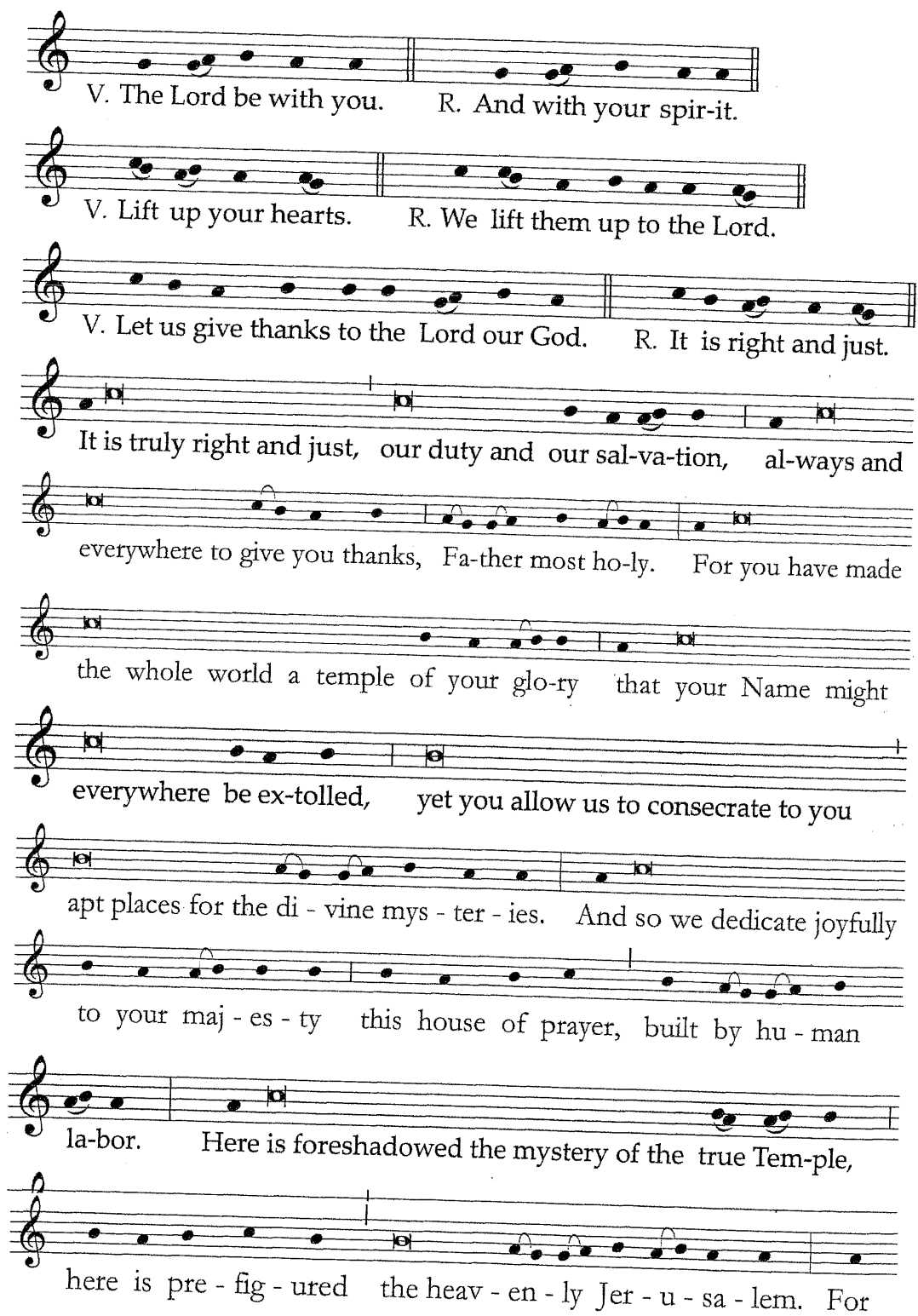
come to everlasting salvation.

Through Christ our Lord.

Eucharistic Prayer I or III is said with this Preface, which is an integral part of the Rite of the Dedication of a Church.

Preface: The Mystery of God's Temple.

Solemn tone

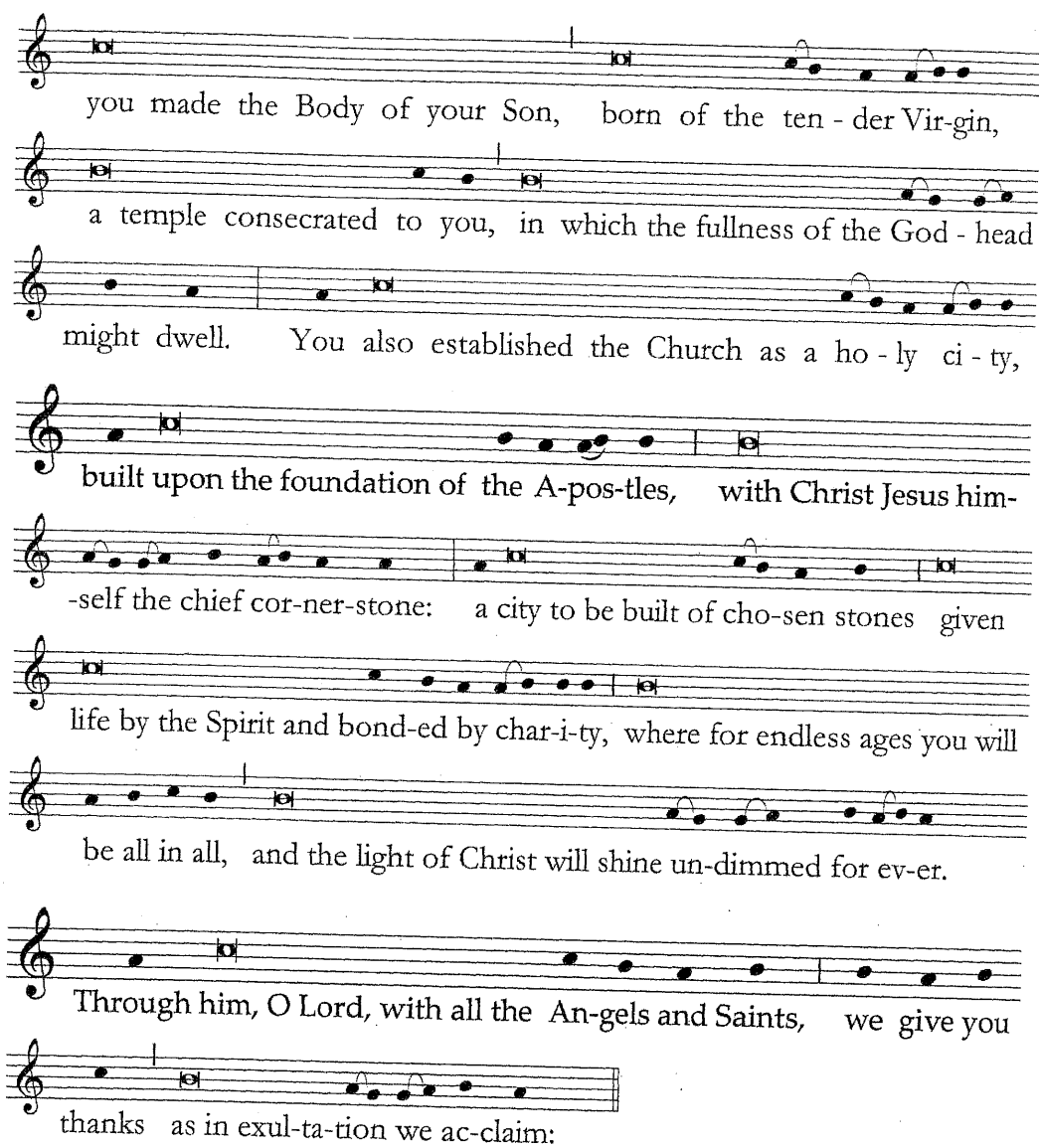


V. The Lord be with you. R. And with your spir-it.

V. Lift up your hearts. R. We lift them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. R. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our sal-va-tion, al-ways and everywhere to give you thanks, Fa-ther most ho-ly. For you have made the whole world a temple of your glo-ry that your Name might everywhere be ex-tolled, yet you allow us to consecrate to you apt places for the di-vine mys-ter-ies. And so we dedicate joyfully to your maj-es-ty this house of prayer, built by hu-man la-bor. Here is foreshadowed the mystery of the true Tem-ple, here is pre-fig-ured the heav-en-ly Jer-u-sa-lem. For



you made the Body of your Son, born of the ten - der Vir - gin,
a temple consecrated to you, in which the fullness of the God - head
might dwell. You also established the Church as a ho - ly ci - ty,
built upon the foundation of the A - pos - tles, with Christ Jesus him -
-self the chief cor - ner - stone: a city to be built of cho - sen stones given
life by the Spirit and bond - ed by char - i - ty, where for endless ages you will
be all in all, and the light of Christ will shine un - dimmed for ev - er.
Through him, O Lord, with all the An - gels and Saints, we give you
thanks as in exul - ta - tion we ac - claim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts...

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Father most holy.

For you have made the whole world a temple of your glory
that your Name might everywhere be extolled,
yet you allow us to consecrate to you
apt places for the divine mysteries.

And so we dedicate joyfully to your majesty
this house of prayer, built by human labor.

Here is foreshadowed the mystery of the true Temple,
here is prefigured the heavenly Jerusalem.

For you made the Body of your Son, born of the tender Virgin,
a temple consecrated to you,
in which the fullness of the Godhead might dwell.

You also established the Church as a holy city,
built upon the foundation of the Apostles,
with Christ Jesus himself the chief cornerstone:
a city to be built of chosen stones
given life by the Spirit and bonded by charity,
where for endless ages you will be all in all,
and the light of Christ will shine undimmed for ever.

Through him, O Lord, with all the Angels and Saints,
we give you thanks as in exultation we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts...

When Mass is already celebrated regularly in the church, Eucharistic Prayer I or III
is said with this Preface.

Preface: From the mystery of the Temple of God, which is the Church.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Christ our Lord.

For in this visible house that you have let us build
and where you never cease to show favor
to the family on pilgrimage to you in this place,
you wonderfully manifest and accomplish
the mystery of your communion with us.

Here you build up for yourself the temple that we are
and cause your Church, spread throughout the world,
to grow ever more and more as the Lord's own Body,
till she reaches her fullness in the vision of peace,
the heavenly city of Jerusalem.

And so, with the countless ranks of the blessed,
in the temple of your glory we praise you,
we bless you and proclaim your greatness as we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts...

Text with music, pp. 000-000.

In the Eucharistic prayers, the dedication of the church is commemorated according to the following formulas:

a) In Eucharistic Prayer I, the proper form of *Hanc igitur* (Therefore, Lord, we pray) is said:

Therefore, Lord, we pray:
graciously accept this oblation of our service,
and of these your servants,
who in a spirit of faith
have offered to you this church (in honor of N.)
and built it with tireless labor.
(Through Christ our Lord. Amen.)

b) In the intercessions of Eucharistic Prayer III, after the words the entire people you have gained for your own, the following is said:

Listen graciously to the prayers of this family,
which dedicates this church to you:
may it be for your family a house of salvation
and a place for the celebration of your heavenly Sacraments.
Here may the Gospel of peace resound

and the sacred mysteries be celebrated,
so that your faithful,
formed by the word of life and by divine grace
on their pilgrim way through the earthly city,
may merit to reach the eternal Jerusalem.
There, in your compassion, O merciful Father,
gather to yourself all your children
scattered throughout the earth.
Lovingly receive into your Kingdom
our departed brothers and sisters
and to all...

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Mt 21:13; Lk 11:10

My house shall be a house of prayer, says the Lord:
in that house, the one who asks receives,
the one who seeks finds,
and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened (E.T. alleluia).

Or:

Cf. Ps 127:3

Like shoots of the olive,
may the children of the Church be gathered
around the table of the Lord (E.T. alleluia).

Prayer after Communion

Through these holy gifts we have received,
O Lord, we pray,
instill in our minds an increase of your truth,
so that we may constantly adore you
in your holy temple
and glory in your sight with all the Saints.
Through Christ our Lord.

Solemn Blessing at the End of Mass

The Bishop, with hands extended over the people, says:

May God, the Lord of heaven and earth,
who has gathered you today for the dedication of this church,
make you abound in heavenly blessings.
R/. Amen.

May God, who has willed that all his scattered children
be gathered in his Son,
grant that you become his temple
and the dwelling-place of the Holy Spirit.
R/. Amen.

May you be made thoroughly clean,
so that God may dwell within you
and you may possess with all the Saints
the inheritance of eternal happiness.

R/. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, ✠ and the Son, ✠ and the Holy ✠ Spirit,
descend upon you and remain with you for ever.

R/. Amen.

Masses for the Anniversary of Dedication are found among the Commons (pp. 000-000).

2. FOR THE DEDICATION OF AN ALTAR

When an altar is dedicated, the proper Ritual Mass is normally used, with the color white or a festive color. The dedication of an altar, however, is not to take place during the Paschal Triduum, on Ash Wednesday, on the weekdays of Holy Week, or on the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day). On the Nativity of the Lord, on the Epiphany, on the Ascension, on Pentecost Sunday, as well as on the Sundays of Advent, Lent, and Easter, the Mass of the day is used, except for the Prayer over the Offerings and the Preface, which are intimately connected to the rite itself.

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 83:10-11

Turn your eyes, our God, our shield;
and look upon the face of your anointed one;
one day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere (E.T. alleluia).

Or:

Ps 42:4

I will come to the altar of God,
to God who restores the joy of my youth (E.T. alleluia).

The Glória in excélsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

O God, who willed to draw all things
to your Son, lifted high on the altar of the Cross,
fill your Church, we pray, with heavenly grace
as she dedicates to you this altar,
the table at which you will plentifully nourish
the faithful you gather as one,
and will shape day by day,
through the outpouring of the Spirit,
a people consecrated to yourself.
Through our Lord.

The Creed is said; the Universal Prayer is omitted.

Prayer over the Offerings

May your Holy Spirit come down upon this altar,
we pray, O Lord our God,
to sanctify the gifts of your people
and graciously to cleanse
the hearts of all who receive them.
Through Christ our Lord.

Eucharistic Prayer I or III is said with this Preface, which is an integral part of the Rite of the Dedication of an Altar.

Preface: Christ himself is the altar.

Solemn tone



V. The Lord be with you. R. And with your spir-it.

V. Lift up your hearts. R. We lift them up to the Lord.

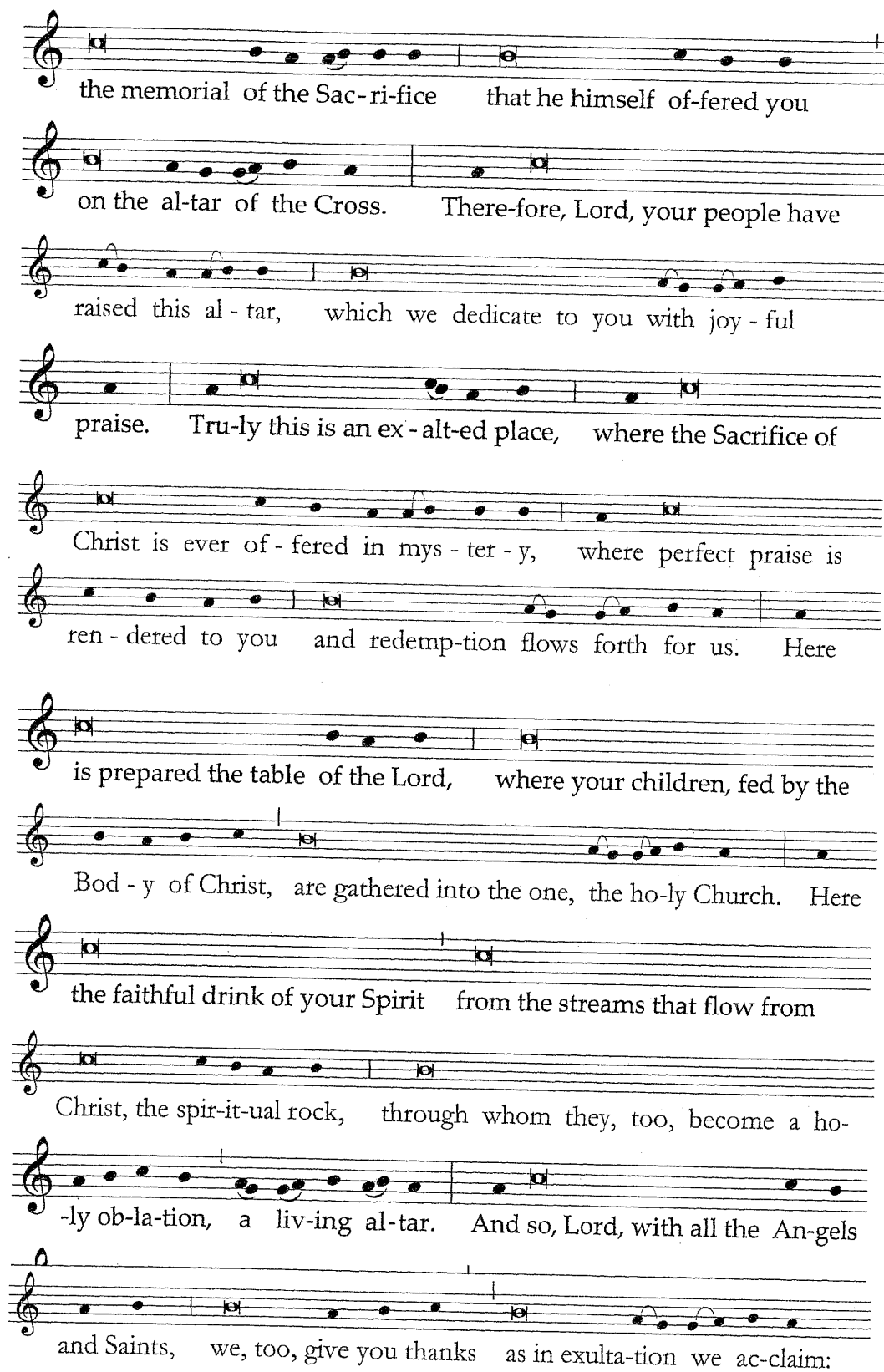
V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. R. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our sal-va-tion, al-ways and

everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and e-

-ter-nal God, through Christ our Lord. Hav-ing become both the true

priest and the true o - bla - tion, he has taught us to celebrate for ever



the memorial of the Sac-ri-fice that he himself of-fered you
on the al-tar of the Cross. There-fore, Lord, your people have
raised this al-tar, which we dedicate to you with joy-ful
praise. Tru-ly this is an ex-alt-ed place, where the Sacrifice of
Christ is ever of-fered in mys-ter-y, where perfect praise is
ren-dered to you and redemp-tion flows forth for us. Here
is prepared the table of the Lord, where your children, fed by the
Bod-y of Christ, are gathered into the one, the ho-ly Church. Here
the faithful drink of your Spirit from the streams that flow from
Christ, the spir-it-ual rock, through whom they, too, become a ho-
-ly ob-la-tion, a liv-ing al-tar. And so, Lord, with all the An-gels
and Saints, we, too, give you thanks as in exulta-tion we ac-claim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts...

Text without music:

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Christ our Lord.

Having become both the true priest and the true oblation,
he has taught us to celebrate for ever
the memorial of the Sacrifice
that he himself offered to you on the altar of the Cross.

Therefore, Lord, your people have raised this altar,
which we dedicate to you with joyful praise.

Truly this is an exalted place,
where the sacrifice of Christ
is ever offered in mystery,
where perfect praise is rendered to you
and redemption flows forth for us.

Here is prepared the table of the Lord,
where your children, fed by the Body of Christ,
are gathered into the one, the holy Church.

Here the faithful drink of your Spirit
from the streams that flow from Christ, the spiritual rock,
through whom they, too, become a holy oblation, a living altar.

And so, Lord, with all the Angels and Saints,
we, too, give you thanks as in exultation we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts...

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 83:4-5

The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young,
at your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my king and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
forever singing your praise (E.T. alleluia).

Or:

Cf. Ps 127:3

Like shoots of the olive,
may the children of the Church be gathered
around the table of the Lord (E.T. alleluia).

Prayer after Communion

Keep us, O Lord, ever close to your altar
where the Sacrament of sacrifice is celebrated,
so that, united in faith and charity,
we who by Christ are nourished
into Christ may be transformed.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Solemn Blessing at the End of Mass

The Bishop, with hands extended over the people, says:
May God, who adorns you with a royal priesthood,
grant that, as you exercise it in holiness,
you may share worthily in the sacrifice of Christ.
R/. Amen.

And may he, who gathers you at one table
and renews you with one Bread,
make of you one heart and one soul.
R/. Amen.

By the example of your love,
may you draw to Christ
those to whom you proclaim him.
R/. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, ✠ and the Son, ✠ and the Holy ✠ Spirit,
descend upon you and remain with you for ever.
R/. Amen.

MASSES AND PRAYERS
FOR VARIOUS NEEDS
AND INTENTIONS

1. This section groups together Masses and prayers for various intentions, which may be used in many situations, and for various needs and occasions.

The texts found in the first two parts may be used either in a Mass with the people or in a Mass without the people. The texts collected in the third part may, in general, be used in Masses celebrated without the people, unless at times a pastoral reason suggests otherwise.

2. In case of some grave need, a corresponding Mass may be said on the instructions of the local Ordinary or with his permission, on any day except on Solemnities, the Sundays of Advent, Lent, and Easter, days within the Octave of Easter, the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day), Ash Wednesday, and on the weekdays of Holy Week.

If, however, some real necessity or pastoral advantage requires it, in the judgment of the Rector of the church or the Priest Celebrant himself, an appropriate Mass or a Collect may be used in a celebration with the people even if on that day there occurs an obligatory Memorial or a weekday of Advent up to and including 16 December, a weekday of Christmas Time from 2 January or of Easter Time after the Octave of Easter.

During Easter Time, Alleluia is added to the Entrance Antiphon and Communion Antiphon, unless this would be not in accord with the sense.

3. In a Mass for a weekday in Ordinary Time, the Priest may always use all the prayers of this series, or even only the Collect; observing what is indicated in no. 1.

4. As for the Eucharistic Prayer which may be used with formularies of the Masses for Various Needs, see Appendix I to the Order of Mass, p. 000.

5. In certain Masses, the liturgical texts given for a man may be adapted for a woman, with the necessary change of gender; in addition, those expressed in the plural may be used for individuals, with the necessary change to the singular.

6. These Masses may be said with the color proper to the day or the liturgical time or with the color violet if they have a penitential character, see e.g., nos. 31, 33, 38 (cf. the *General Instruction*, no. 347).

I. FOR HOLY CHURCH

1. FOR THE CHURCH

A

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Eph 1:9-10

God has made known to us the mystery of his will,
to bring together all things in Christ,
all things in heaven and on earth in him.

Collect

O God, who in your wonderful providence
decreed that Christ's Kingdom
should be extended throughout the earth
and that all should become partakers
of his saving redemption;
grant, we pray, that your Church
may be the universal sacrament of salvation,
and that Christ may be revealed to all
as the hope of the nations and their Savior.
Who lives and reigns with you.

Prayer over the Offerings

Look upon the offerings of the people consecrated to you,
O merciful God,
and through the power of this Sacrament,
grant that the multitude of those who believe in you
may constantly be made a chosen race,
a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
a people of your own.
Through Christ our Lord.

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Communion Antiphon

Rev 22:17, 20

The Spirit and the bride say, Come.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Prayer after Communion

O God, who constantly feed
and strengthen the Church
with your Sacraments,
grant to us, who have been nourished at the heavenly table,
that, by obeying your teachings of love,
we may become a life-giving leaven
and a means of salvation for the human family.
Through Christ our Lord.

B

Entrance Antiphon

Rev 7:9

I had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count,
from every nation, race, people, and tongue.

Collect

O God, in the covenant of your Christ
you never cease to gather to yourself from all nations
a people growing together in unity through the Spirit;
grant, we pray, that your Church,
faithful to the mission entrusted to her,
may continually go forward with the human family
and always be the leaven
and the soul of human society,
to renew it in Christ
and transform it into the family of God.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive with kindness the offerings we bring you, O Lord,
and grant that your Church,
which came forth from the side of Christ
as he slept on the Cross,
may ever draw her holiness
from participation in this mystery,
living by it always
and responding worthily to her founder,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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Communion Antiphon

Jn 19:34

One of the soldiers opened his side with a lance,
and at once there came forth blood and water.

Or:

Rev 7:12

Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving,
honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Nourished by the Sacrament of your Son,
we implore you, Lord,
to make fruitful the work of your Church,
for by it you constantly reveal
the fullness of the mystery of salvation to the poor,
whom you have called to an honored place
in your eternal Kingdom.
Through Christ our Lord.

C

Entrance Antiphon

Mt 18:20

Where two or three are gathered together in my name,
there am I in the midst of them.

Or:

Rom 12:5

Though many, we are one body in Christ
and individually parts of one another.

Collect

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that your Church may always remain a holy people
formed as one by the unity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
so that she may manifest to the world
the Sacrament of your holiness and unity
and may lead it to the perfection of your charity.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Celebrating the memorial of your Son's boundless love,
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,
that, through the ministry of your Church,
the fruits of his saving work
may advance the salvation of all the world.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface for the Unity of Christians, pp. 0000-0000.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. 1 Cor 10:17

Though many, we are one bread, one body,
for we all partake of the one bread and one chalice.

Prayer after Communion

O God, who by this wonderful Sacrament
give courage and comfort to the Church,
grant that, through these holy gifts,
your people may hold fast to Christ,
so that by the tasks they carry out in this present age
they may in freedom build up your eternal Kingdom.
Through Christ our Lord.

D

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Jn 17:20-21

Father, I pray for those who will believe in me,
that they may be one in us,
so that the world may believe it was you who sent me.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
who in Christ revealed your glory to all the nations,
watch over the works of your mercy
that holy Church, spread throughout the whole world,
may persevere with steadfast faith in confessing your Name.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who constantly sanctify your Church
through the same sacrifice
by which you have made her clean,
grant that, united to Christ her Head,
she may offer herself to you with him,
and be united with you in purity of will.
Through Christ our Lord.

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Communion Antiphon

Jn 15:5

Whoever remains in me and I in him
will bear much fruit,
because without me you can do nothing, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Be pleased, O Lord, we pray,
to govern the Church
you have nourished by this holy meal,
so that, firmly directed,
she may grow in freedom
and persevere in integrity of religion.
Through Christ our Lord.

E

For the Particular Church

Entrance Antiphon

Rev 1:5-6

To Jesus Christ who loves us
and has freed us from our sins by his blood,
who has made us into a kingdom,
priests for his God and Father,
to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen.

Collect

O God, who in each pilgrim Church throughout the world
make visible the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church,
graciously grant
that your faithful may be so united to their shepherd
and gathered together in the Holy Spirit
through the Gospel and the Eucharist,
as to embody worthily the universality of your people
and become a sign and instrument in the world
of the presence of Christ.
Who lives and reigns with you.

Prayer over the Offerings

Celebrating the memorial of your Son's boundless love,
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,
that through the ministry of your Church,
the fruits of his saving work
may advance the salvation of all the world.
Through Christ our Lord.

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Communion Antiphon

Rev 3:20

Behold, I stand at the door and knock.
If anyone hears my voice and opens the door to me,
I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with me.

Prayer after Communion

In this your Church, O Lord,
may integrity of faith, holiness of life,
fraternal charity and pure religion
flourish and abide till the end,
and, as you do not fail to feed her
with the Body of your Son and with your word,
so also never cease, we pray,
to guide her under your protection.
Through Christ our Lord.

2. FOR THE POPE

Especially on the Anniversary of Election

This Mass is said, with the color white, on the anniversary of the election of the Pope in places wherever special celebrations are held, provided they do not occur on a Sunday of Advent, Lent or Easter, on a Solemnity, on Ash Wednesday, or on a weekday of Holy Week.

Entrance Antiphon

Mt 16:18-19

You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church,
and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.
I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.

Collect

O God, who in your providential design
willed that your Church be built
upon blessed Peter, whom you set over the other Apostles,
look with favor, we pray, on N. our Pope
and grant that he whom you have made Peter's successor,
may be for your people a visible source and foundation
of unity in faith and of communion.
Through our Lord.

Or:

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful,
look favorably on your servant N.,
whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd;
grant, we pray, that by word and example
he may be of service to those over whom he presides
so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care,
he may come to everlasting life.
Through our Lord.

Or:

O God, who chose your servant N.
in succession to the Apostle Peter
as shepherd of the whole flock,
look favorably on the supplications of your people
and grant that, as Vicar of Christ on earth,
he may confirm his brethren,
and that the whole Church may be in communion with him
in the bond of unity, love and peace,
so that in you, the shepherd of souls,
all may know the truth and attain life eternal.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Be pleased, we pray, O Lord,
with the offerings presented here,
and govern with unfailing protection
your holy Church,
together with N. our Pope,
whom you have chosen to be her shepherd.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 21:15, 17

Simon, Son of John,
do you love me more than these?
Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.

Prayer after Communion

Having been made sharers at the heavenly table,
we humbly entreat you, Lord:
by the power of this mystery,
strengthen your Church in unity and charity
and, as you have entrusted your servant N.
with the office of shepherd,
grant him always salvation and protection,
together with the flock entrusted to his care.
Through Christ our Lord.

3. FOR THE BISHOP

Especially on the Anniversary of Ordination

This Mass is said on the anniversary of the election of the Bishop wherever special celebrations are held, provided they do not occur on a Sunday of Advent, Lent or Easter, on a Solemnity, on Ash Wednesday, or on a weekday of Holy Week.

Entrance Antiphon

Ez 34:11, 23, 24

I shall visit my sheep, says the Lord,
and I shall raise up a shepherd to feed them,
and I, the Lord, will be their God.

Collect

O God, eternal shepherd of the faithful,
who tend your Church in countless ways
and rule over her in love;
grant, we pray, that N., your servant,
whom you have set over your people,
may preside in the place of Christ
over the flock whose shepherd he is,
and be faithful as a teacher of doctrine,
a Priest of sacred worship
and as one who serves them by governing.
Through our Lord.

Or:

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful,
look favorably on your servant N.,
whom you have set at the head
of your Church of N. as her shepherd;
grant, we pray, that by word and example
he may be of service to those over whom he presides
so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care,
he may come to everlasting life.
Through our Lord.

Or:

O Lord, who for the feeding of your flock
have set your servant N. over it
as a successor to the Apostles;
grant him, we pray,
a spirit of counsel and fortitude,
a spirit of knowledge and piety,
so that, by faithfully governing the people entrusted to him,
he may build up in the world the sacrament of the Church.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

May this oblation, O Lord,
which we have presented for your servant N.,
become an offering acceptable to you
and, for the good of the flock,
may he whom you have raised up
among your people to be High Priest,
be endowed, by your gift, with apostolic virtues.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Mt 20:28

The Son of Man did not come
to be served but to serve
and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Prayer after Communion

By the power of this Sacrament, O Lord,
increase the gifts of your grace
in N., your servant and our Bishop,
that he may serve you worthily in the pastoral ministry
and receive the eternal rewards of a faithful steward.
Through Christ our Lord.

4. FOR THE ELECTION OF A POPE OR A BISHOP

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. 1 Sam 2:35

I will raise up for myself a faithful priest
who shall do according to my heart and mind.
I will establish a lasting house for him
and he shall walk before me all his days.

Collect

O God, eternal shepherd,
who govern your flock with unfailing care,
grant in your boundless fatherly love
a pastor for your Church
who will please you by his holiness
and for us show watchful concern.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

May your abundant kindness favor us, O Lord,
that through the sacred offerings we reverently bring to you,
we may come to rejoice that a pastor pleasing to your majesty
presides over your holy Church.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 15:16

I chose you and appointed you
to go and bear fruit that will remain, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

As we have been renewed, O Lord,
with the supreme Sacrament of salvation,
the Body and Blood of your Only Begotten Son,
may the wondrous grace of your majesty
gladden us with the gift of a shepherd
who will instruct your people by his virtues
and imbue the minds of the faithful
with the truth of the Gospel.
Through Christ our Lord.

5. FOR A COUNCIL OR A SYNOD

Entrance Antiphon

Col 3:14-15

And over all things put on love,
which is the bond of perfection
and let the peace of Christ rejoice in your hearts.

Collect

O Lord, ruler and guardian of your Church,
pour out, we pray, upon your servants
a spirit of truth, understanding and peace,
that they may strive with all their heart
to know what is pleasing to you
and then pursue it with all their strength.
Through our Lord.

Or:

O God, who care for your people with gentleness
and rule them in love,
endow with a spirit of wisdom
those to whom you have handed on authority to govern,
that your people may be led to know the truth more fully
and grow in holiness according to your will.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Look upon the offerings of your servants,
O God of all compassion,
and bestow on them the grace of your light,
that they may have a true understanding
of what is right in your eyes
and boldly carry it out.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface II of the Holy Spirit, p. 0000.

Communion Antiphon

Where charity and love are,
God is there.
The love of Christ has gathered us into one.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, O merciful God,
that the holy gifts we have received
may confirm your servants in the truth
and prompt them to seek the honor of your Name.
Through Christ our Lord.

6. FOR PRIESTS

Entrance Antiphon

Lk 4:18

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
and to let the oppressed go free.

Collect

O God, who made your Only Begotten Son
eternal High Priest,
grant that those he has chosen
as ministers and stewards of your mysteries
may be found faithful in carrying out
the ministry they have received.
Through our Lord.

Or:

Lord our God, who in governing your people
make use of the ministry of Priests,
grant to these men
a persevering obedience to your will
so that by their ministry and life
they may gain glory for you in Christ.
Who lives and reigns with you.

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who have willed that your Priests
should minister at the holy altar and serve your people,
grant by the power of this sacrifice, we pray,
that their labors may constantly please you
and in your Church bear that fruit which lasts for ever.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 17:17-18

Holy Father, consecrate them in the truth.
As you sent me into the world,
so I sent them into the world, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

May the divine sacrifice we have offered and received, O Lord,
give new life to your Priests and to all your servants,
that, united to you in unfailing love,
they may receive the grace
of giving worthy service to your majesty.
Through Christ our Lord.

7. FOR THE PRIEST HIMSELF

A

Especially for a Priest with the care of souls

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Col 1:25, 28

I have become a servant of the Church
according to God's commission given to me for you.
We are proclaiming Christ,
that we may present everyone perfect in Christ Jesus.

Collect

O God, who have willed that I preside over your family
not by any merit of mine
but out of the abundance of your untold grace alone,
grant that I may carry out worthily
the ministry of the priestly office
and, under your governance in all things,
may direct the people entrusted to my care.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, powerful and kindly ruler of days and seasons,
look in mercy on the ministry given me by your grace,
and through the power of this oblation
direct the hearts of Priest and people to be so disposed
that the obedience of the flock may never fail the shepherd,
nor the care of the shepherd be lacking for the flock.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 15:9

As the Father loves me,
so I also love you.
Remain in my love.

Prayer after Communion

Almighty ever-living God,
source and perfection of every virtue,
grant, we pray, that by participation in this mystery
I may do what is right and preach what is true,
so that by my deeds and by my words
I may offer to the faithful
instruction in your grace.
Through Christ our Lord.

B

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 15:2, 5

I say to the LORD, You are my Lord.
My goodness lies in you alone.
O LORD it is you who are my portion and cup;
you yourself who secure my lot.

Collect

Incline your merciful ear to my prayers,
O God of all compassion,
and enlighten my heart by the grace of the Holy Spirit,
that I may worthily celebrate your mysteries,
faithfully serve your Church
and love you with eternal charity.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, almighty God,
these offerings we bring you in veneration,
and as you look upon your Christ,
who is both Priest and Victim,
grant that I, who share in his priesthood,
may always offer myself
as a spiritual sacrifice pleasing to you.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Lk 22:28-30

Jesus said to those who stood by him in his trials:
I confer a kingdom on you
that you may eat and drink at my table.

Prayer after Communion

As you strengthen me with the Bread of heaven, holy Father,
and gladden me with the chalice of the new covenant,
bring me to serve you faithfully
and to spend my life boldly and zealously
for the salvation of all humanity.
Through Christ our Lord.

C

On the anniversary of his Ordination

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Jn 15:16

It was not you who chose me, says the Lord,
but I who chose you and appointed you
to go out and bear fruit, fruit that will remain.

Collect

Holy Father, who, by no merit of my own, chose me
for communion with the eternal priesthood of your Christ
and for the ministry of your Church,
grant that I may be an ardent yet gentle preacher of the Gospel
and a faithful steward of your mysteries.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

We offer you the sacrifice of praise, O Lord,
for the deepening of our service of you,
so that what you have conferred, unworthy as we are,
you may graciously bring to fulfillment.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. 1 Cor 10:16

The cup of blessing that we bless
is a communion in the Blood of Christ;
and the bread that we break
is a sharing in the Body of the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

For the glory of your Name, O Lord,
I have joyfully celebrated the mystery of faith
to mark the anniversary of my priestly ordination,
so that I may be in truth
what I have handled mystically in this sacrifice.
Through Christ our Lord.

8. FOR MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. 1 Cor 12:4-6

There are different graces but the same Spirit,
different ministries but the same Lord,
different works but the same God
who accomplishes everything in everyone.

Collect

O God, who have taught the ministers of your Church
to seek not to be served
but to serve their brothers and sisters,
grant, we pray,
that they may be effective in action, gentle in ministry,
and constant in prayer.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Holy Father, whose Son chose to wash the disciples' feet
and so set us an example,
accept, we pray, the gifts of our service,
and grant that, offering ourselves as a spiritual sacrifice,
we may be filled with a spirit of humility and zeal.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Lk 12:37

Blessed are those servants
whom the lord finds vigilant on his arrival.
Amen, I say to you,
he will gird himself,
set them at table,
and proceed to wait on them.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, O Lord, to your servants,
whom you have replenished
with heavenly food and drink,
that, for the sake of your glory
and the salvation of believers,
they may be found faithful
as ministers of the Gospel,
of the Sacraments and of charity.
Through Christ our Lord.

9. FOR VOCATIONS TO HOLY ORDERS

Entrance Antiphon

Mt 9:38

Ask the lord of the harvest
to send out laborers for his harvest,
says Jesus to his disciples.

Collect

O God, who willed to provide shepherds for your people,
pour out in your Church a spirit of piety and fortitude,
to raise up worthy ministers for your altars
and make them ardent yet gentle heralds of your Gospel.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Look kindly, we pray, O Lord,
on the prayers and offerings of your people,
that the stewards of your mysteries may grow in number
and persevere always in your love.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

1 Jn 3:16

By this we came to know love
that he laid down his life for us;
so we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.

Prayer after Communion

Renewed with the Bread of the heavenly table,
we entreat you, O Lord,
that through this Sacrament of charity,
the seeds you sow with great abundance
in the field of your Church
may come to maturity,
so that many may make it their choice in life
to serve you in their brothers and sisters.
Through Christ our Lord.

10. FOR THE LAITY

Entrance Antiphon

Mt 13:33

The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took
and mixed with three measures of wheat flour
until the whole batch was leavened.

Collect

O God, who have sent the power of the Gospel
like leaven into the world,
grant that your faithful
whom you have called to live amid the world and its affairs
may be fervent with the Christian spirit
and, through the tasks they carry out in this present age,
constantly build up your Kingdom.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who willed to save the whole world
by the sacrifice of your Son,
grant through the power of this oblation
that your servants whom, even in the lay state,
you do not cease to call to the apostolate,
may imbue the world with the spirit of Christ
and be the leaven of its sanctification.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Ps 99:1-2

Cry out with joy to the LORD,
all the earth. Serve the LORD with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy, alleluia.

Or:

Jn 15:8

By this is my Father glorified,
that you bear much fruit, and become my disciples, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

As we draw upon the fullness of your grace,
we pray, O Lord,
that your faithful, who by your will are engaged in the things of this world,
may be strengthened by the power of the Eucharistic Banquet,
to be tireless witnesses to the truth of the Gospel
and may ever make your Church present and active
amid the affairs of this age.
Through Christ our Lord.

11. ON THE ANNIVERSARIES OF MARRIAGE

On special anniversaries of marriage, as for example, on the twenty-fifth, fiftieth, or sixtieth anniversary, when Masses for Various Needs are permitted, the Mass for Giving Thanks to God (pp. 0000-0000) may be used with the prayers given below.

The same prayers may also be used, if appropriate, at Mass on a weekday in Ordinary Time. In these celebrations, a special remembrance of the Sacrament of Marriage may appropriately be made, using the forms which are indicated in the Roman Ritual (Rite of Marriage, nn. 272-286).

A

On any Anniversary

Collect

O God, Creator of all things,
who in the beginning made man and woman
that they might form the marriage bond,
bless and strengthen the union
of your servants N. and N.,
that they may show forth an ever more perfect image
of the union of Christ with his Church.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who made blood and water
flow from the side of Christ
as a sign of the mysteries of human rebirth,
be pleased, we pray, to receive
the offerings we make in thanksgiving
on behalf of your servants N. and N.,
and endow their marriage with your many gifts.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Open wide in joy and love, O Lord,
the hearts of these your servants
who have been refreshed with food and drink from on high,
that their home may be a place of decency and peace,
and welcome everyone with love.
Through Christ our Lord.

B

On the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary

Collect

O Lord, who have joined these your servants N. and N.,
in the unbreakable bond of marriage
and have been pleased to sustain them
in communion of spirit amid toil and joy,
increase, we pray, and purify their love,
so that (together with their children) they may rejoice
in the sanctification they bring to each other.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Be pleased, O God, to receive these offerings
in thanksgiving for your servants N. and N.,
so that from them they may draw
peace and joy in abundance.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

O God, who have graciously welcomed
this married couple, N. and N.,
(together with their children and friends)
to the table of your family,
grant that they may continue to grow
in strong and eager communion with each other,
so that by your gift they may be united
until they reach the heavenly banquet.
Through Christ our Lord.

C

On the Fiftieth Anniversary

Collect

O God, almighty Father,
because of the good works they have done
through their long life together,
look kindly on this husband and wife, N. and N.,
(with the children they have brought to life and faith)
and, as you sealed the beginnings of their love
by a wonderful Sacrament,
so bless their fruitful old age.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Be pleased, O God, to receive these offerings,
presented in thanksgiving for your servants N. and N.,
who have lived as one in true fidelity these many years
and who ask of your bounty
all the blessings of unity and peace.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Having tasted the delights of your table,
we entreat you, O Lord,
to keep this married couple, N. and N.,
safe and holy in the years ahead,
until you welcome them both,
in the fullness of their days,
to your heavenly banquet.
Through Christ our Lord.

12. FOR THE FAMILY

Entrance Antiphon

Eph 6:2-3

Honor your father and mother.

This is the first commandment with a promise,
that it may go well with you
and that you may have a long life on earth.

Collect

O God, in whose eternal design
family life has its firm foundation,
look with compassion on the prayers of your servants
and grant that, following the example
of the Holy Family of your Only Begotten Son
in practicing the virtues of family life
and in the bonds of charity,
we may, in the joy of your house,
delight one day in eternal rewards.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

We offer you, Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation,
humbly asking that you may establish our families
firmly in your grace and your peace.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Is 49:15

Can a mother forget her infant?
I will never forget you, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Bring those you refresh with this heavenly Sacrament,
most merciful Father,
to imitate constantly the example
of the Holy Family of your Only Begotten Son,
so that, after the trials of this world,
they may share their company for ever.
Through Christ our Lord.

13. FOR RELIGIOUS

A

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 36:3-4

Trust in the LORD and do good
and you will dwell in the land and be secure.
Find your delight in the LORD,
and he will grant your heart's desire.

Collect

O God, who inspire and bring to fulfillment every good intention,
direct your servants into the way of eternal salvation,
and as they have left all things
to devote themselves entirely to you,
grant that, following Christ
and renouncing the things of this world,
they may faithfully serve you and their neighbor
in a spirit of poverty and in humility of heart.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Sanctify, we pray, O Lord,
through these holy things we offer you,
the servants you have gathered in your Name,
so that, faithfully fulfilling their vows to you,
they may serve your majesty in sincerity of heart.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

1 Kgs 19:7

The angel of the LORD said to Elijah:
Get up and eat, else the journey will be too much for you!

Or:

Rev 22:17, 20

The Spirit and the bride say, Come.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, O Lord, that your servants,
gathered in your love
and partaking of the one Bread,
may be of one heart in prompting each other
in the pursuit of charity and good works,
so that through a holy way of life
they may always and everywhere
be true witnesses to Christ.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

B

On the Twenty-fifth or Fiftieth Anniversary of Religious Profession

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 39:8-9

Behold, I come, O Lord, that I may do your will.
O my God, I have vowed it,
and your law lies deep within me.

Collect

O Lord, faithful God,
grant, we pray, that we may give you thanks
for your kindness towards our brother (sister) N.,
who today is eager to renew the gift received from you;
strengthen in him (her) a spirit of perfect charity,
so that each day
he (she) may more fervently serve your glory
and the work of your salvation.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive with our oblation, O Lord,
the offering of himself (herself) which our brother (sister) N.
desires to reaffirm today,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit
graciously conform him (her) more fully
to the image of your beloved Son.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Communion Antiphon

Ps 41:2

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, O God.

Prayer after Communion

We have partaken, O Lord,
of the Body and Blood of your Son,
which you have given us
on this joyful anniversary;
grant, we pray, that our brother (sister) N.,
refreshed with heavenly food and drink,
may proceed happily
on the journey towards you
already long begun.
Through Christ our Lord.